

ABSTRACT
WA-II-205
Toms Farm
Boonsboro Vicinity
private

Mid 19th Century

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WA-II-205
District 16
Map 63
Parcel 52
MAGI # 2207895535

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Toms Farm

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Toms Road

CITY, TOWN

☒ VICINITY OF Boonsboro

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Washington

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☒ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Harry L. Toms, Jr.

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Route # 1

CITY, TOWN

Boonsboro

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland

21713

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Washington County Court House

Liber #: 652

Folio #: 092

STREET & NUMBER

West Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

STATE

Maryland

21740

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

| CONDITION | | CHECK ONE | CHECK ONE |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT | <input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED | <input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GOOD | <input type="checkbox"/> RUINS | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED < 50% | <input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FAIR | <input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED | | |

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This farm is located along a private lane which extends in a northeasterly direction from Toms Road north of Boonsboro in Washington County, Maryland. The buildings stand on relatively level ground with the house facing south and the barn east.

The house is a two story, five bay brick structure resting on low stone foundations. Bricks are laid in American bond at all elevations with five courses of stretchers between header rows. Flat arches of angle-formed bricks are present above the openings. A recessed double porch includes the two eastern bays of the front elevation. A datestone in the west end wall is inscribed with the year 1855.

Windows have narrow frames finished with a bead at the inside edge. Six over six pane double hung sashes are used at both the first and second story windows. Pairs of shutters with movable louvers are present.

The main entrance is located in the second bay from the west end of the front elevation, at the central part of the forward section of the wall. A flat roofed entrance porch is supported by pairs of square pillars. Other entrances are located at both levels of the double porch.

The roof is sheathed with sheet metal and terminates with barge boards set directly against the end walls. Brick chimneys are located inside the gable ends and at the interior of the house at the point where the recess occurs.

A 20th century addition of concrete block is attached to the back of the house.

South of the house is a frame bank barn and domestic and agricultural outbuildings stand nearby. Along the lane leading past the buildings are old limestone fences, one of which has been remortared and pointed.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

WA-II-205

| PERIOD | AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW | | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING | <input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499 | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION | <input type="checkbox"/> LAW | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS | <input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE | <input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY | <input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799 | <input type="checkbox"/> ART | <input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC | <input type="checkbox"/> THEATER |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE | <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1900- | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY | <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION | | |

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| SPECIFIC DATES | 1855 | BUILDER/ARCHITECT | Joshua Toms |
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 146 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant

ORGANIZATION

Washington County Historical Sites Survey

DATE

March 1978

STREET & NUMBER

County Office Building, 33 West Washington Street

TELEPHONE

791-3065

CITY OR TOWN

Hagerstown

STATE

Maryland 21740

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Toms Farm

Toms Road

Boonsboro Vicinity

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W. H. D.

N. W.

Aug. 1912

Toms Farm

Toms Road

Boonsboro Vicinity

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WA-11-205

Tom Road

Boonsboro

Toms Farm

Toms Road

Boonsboro Vicinity

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Old Boonsboro photos

(Oct. 1913)

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